s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v31)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=657, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{53}{73}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 657 + 636.3 + 616.25 + 596.83 + 578.02 + 559.81 + 542.17 + 525.09 + 508.54 + 492.52$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 636.3 + 616.25 + 596.83 + 578.02 + 559.81 + 542.17 + 525.09 + 508.54 + 492.52 + 477$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 5 + 5(8) + 5(8)^{2} + 5(8)^{3} + \dots + 5(8)^{47} + 5(8)^{48} + 5(8)^{49} + 5(8)^{50}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.